

On this, the 10th day of February, 2015 at a public hearing during the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, sitting as the governing body of Harris County, upon motion of Commissioner Morman, seconded by Commissioner Lee, duly put and unanimously carried:

IT IS ORDERED that the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Harris County Hospital District, dba Harris Health System be approved, as presented.

(The budget book, as presented with schedules and attachments is on file with the Clerk of Commissioners Court)

The vote of the Court on the above motion was as follows:

AYES:	Five (Judge Emmett, Commissioners Lee, Morman, Radack, and Cagle)
NOES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

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IT IS ORDERED that the budget, positions and policy issues for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Harris County and the Harris County Flood Control District be approved, as presented.

(The budget books, as presented with schedules and attachments are on file with the Clerk of Commissioners Court)

The vote of the Court on the above motion was as follows:

AYES:	Five (Judge Emmett, Commissioners Lee, Morman, Radack, and Cagle)
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February 6, 2015

To: County Judge Emmett and
Commissioners Lee, Morman,
Radack and Cagle

Re. **FY 2015-16 Budget Presentation**

The proposed policy issues and budgets for FY 2015-16 are attached for court approval. The new budgets will be effective for the period of March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

Policy Issues and Proposed County Budgets

The proposed policy issues, a summary of the Auditor's final estimate of available resources and the proposed budget allocations for the General and Mobility funds are included. Budgets for debt service, grant, special revenue and all other funds are also presented for court approval.

Debt Service Funds

Resources have been allocated to the appropriate funds to meet the debt service requirements for the county, Flood Control District, Toll Road Authority and Port of Houston Authority.

Flood Control District

The Flood Control District budget is also included, continuing with the plan to allocate \$60 million for operations and \$60 million for capital projects for FY 2015-16.

Harris County Hospital District

The budget for the Hospital District (dba Harris Health System) is included for court consideration and approval.

Port of Houston

The County allocates property tax revenue to meet existing debt service requirements for long term debt obligations related to the Port of Houston Authority. The Court does not approve the budget for the Port of Houston.

Policy Issues

The following are presented for approval as part of the proposed FY 2015-16 budget.

1. Harris County will continue to focus on building reserves to maintain financial stability, maintain current high bond ratings and reduce the need for short-term borrowing using tax anticipation notes. A recommendation will be provided to court during the first quarter of FY 2015-16 for the issuance of tax anticipation notes.
2. The roll over budget adjustments for departments will be presented to court for approval in May. Departments will have the opportunity to add new positions or adjust existing positions after the roll over budgets are added.
3. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) will be presented on June 23 and Mid-Year Review will be held on September 29.
4. Budget Management will develop a long-term debt strategy which emphasizes total cost of ownership and paying for assets over their expected useful lives. A report will be included at CIP.
5. A new committee will be formed to monitor court appointed attorney fees.
6. Budget Management will continue to work with the Sheriff and Constables offices on a plan to provide additional step increases to longer term law enforcement officers. The plan and related funding for the additional compensation will be brought to court for approval.
7. Contract patrol rates will not increase on March 1, 2016 following the 5% increase on March 1, 2015, which was approved one year ago.
8. Budget Management will work with Facilities & Property Management, Information Technology and law enforcement agencies to continue monitoring the downtown security process and to develop plans for building security related to county facilities outside the downtown area.
9. The following department name changes and organization are proposed for PID:
 - a. Changing Dept. 208 to Office of County Engineer.
 - b. Right of Way and Construction Programs report to the County Engineer.
 - c. Changing Dept. 030 to Public Infrastructure Coordination reporting to the Budget Officer and the County Engineer.
 - d. Changing Dept. 035 to Engineering R&R.

Position changes and budget adjustments for the PID group of departments will be brought back on the next court agenda.

10. ITC will be renamed Central Technology Services and should be involved to a greater extent in major acquisitions of technology equipment and systems for all county departments and the Hospital District to help gain efficiencies and potentially reduce costs.

Summary of Auditor's Final Estimate of Available Resources

General Fund	Current Fiscal Year 2014-15			Final Estimate FY 2015-16
	Original Estimate	Latest Budget	Estimated Actual	
In Thousands				
Estimated Beginning Cash	394,109	394,083	382,416	549,849
Revenues				
Taxes	1,152,761	1,152,761	1,178,185	1,240,706
Intergovernmental	38,969	39,276	43,484	42,803
Charges for Services	213,644	214,542	225,467	235,126
Fines & Fees	19,837	20,156	20,745	20,950
Leases	1,211	1,211	1,232	1,226
Interest	1,019	1,019	4,021	1,954
Misc.	45,750	47,016	48,779	46,987
Transfers In	-	7,040	7,732	-
Total Revenue	1,473,191	1,483,021	1,529,645	1,589,752
Available Resources - General Fund	1,867,300	1,877,104	1,912,061	2,139,601

Public Improvement Contingency Fund	Current Fiscal Year 2014-15			Final Estimate FY 2015-16
	Original Estimate	Latest Budget	Estimated Actual	
In Thousands				
Estimated Beginning Cash	44,481	44,481	43,961	63,033
Revenues				
Taxes	18,389	18,389	18,817	19,787
Interest & Misc.	372	372	255	353
Total Revenue	18,761	18,761	19,072	20,140
Available Resources - PIC Fund	63,242	63,242	63,033	83,173

Mobility Fund	Current Fiscal Year 2014-15			Final Estimate FY 2015-16
	Original Estimate	Latest Budget	Estimated Actual	
In Thousands				
Estimated Beginning Cash	250,000	242,339	254,566	274,967
Revenues				
Interest & Misc.	1,019	3,210	3,172	2,662
Transfers From HCTRA	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Total Revenue	121,019	123,210	123,172	122,662
Available Resources - Mobility	371,019	365,549	377,738	397,629

Total Available Resources	2,301,561	2,305,895	2,352,832	2,620,403
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General Fund Budget - Departments

ORG	DEPARTMENT	FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget	FY 2015-16 Budget
<i>Infrastructure & Systems</i>			
30	Public Infrastructure Coordination	2,750,000	2,900,000
40	Right of Way	2,300,000	2,450,000
45	Construction Programs	8,500,000	9,100,000
208	Office of County Engineer	26,800,000	28,500,000
Total County Engineering		40,350,000	42,950,000
299	Facilities & Property Mgmt.	32,800,000	34,500,000
298	FPM - Utilities & Leases	25,100,000	26,000,000
Total Facilities & Property Mgmt		57,900,000	60,500,000
292	Central Technology Services	34,776,000	37,900,000
292	Radio Shop	3,624,000	3,700,000
Total Central Technology Services		38,400,000	41,600,000
Total Infrastructure & Systems		136,650,000	145,050,000
<i>County Services</i>			
204	Legislative Relations	1,300,000	1,375,000
272	Pollution Control Dept	3,850,000	4,050,000
275	Public Health Services	21,800,000	22,750,000
285	Library	24,800,000	26,050,000
286	Domestic Relations	3,100,000	3,300,000
289	Community Services	9,250,000	10,050,000
296	M.H.M.R.A.	20,600,000	20,800,000
821	Texas A&M Agrilife	900,000	950,000
885	Children's Assessment	5,300,000	5,575,000
Total County Services		90,900,000	94,900,000
<i>Fiscal Services & Purchasing</i>			
91	Appraisal District	9,400,000	10,500,000
201	Budget Management	8,700,000	9,100,000
517	County Treasurer	1,100,000	1,175,000
530	Tax Assessor-Collector	25,100,000	26,500,000
610	County Auditor	19,159,000	20,674,165
615	Purchasing Agent	7,658,000	7,835,000
Total Fiscal Services & Purchasing		71,117,000	75,784,165

Note: The schedule reflects proposed name changes for departments 030, 208 and 292, all within the Infrastructure & Systems section.

General Fund Budget - Departments

ORG	DEPARTMENT	FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget	FY 2015-16 Budget
<i>Law Enforcement</i>			
<i>Constables</i>			
301	Constable, Precinct 1	25,555,000	32,421,000
302	Constable, Precinct 2	6,745,000	7,400,000
303	Constable, Precinct 3	13,150,000	14,470,000
304	Constable, Precinct 4	37,373,000	42,399,000
305	Constable, Precinct 5	32,988,000	35,201,000
306	Constable, Precinct 6	8,786,000	8,746,000
307	Constable, Precinct 7	9,500,000	10,243,000
308	Constable, Precinct 8	6,900,000	7,350,000
Total Constables		140,997,000	158,230,000
540	Sheriff		
	Jail Operations	180,000,000	184,300,000
	Medical	52,000,000	54,200,000
	Patrol & Administration	184,000,000	198,958,000
540	Total Sheriff	416,000,000	437,458,000
845	Sheriff's Civil Service	220,000	265,000
Total Law Enforcement		557,217,000	595,953,000

Administration of Justice

Justices of the Peace

311	Justice of the Peace, 1-1	1,850,000	1,953,000
312	Justice of the Peace, 1-2	2,100,000	2,216,000
321	Justice of the Peace, 2-1	930,000	982,000
322	Justice of the Peace, 2-2	891,000	938,000
331	Justice of the Peace, 3-1	1,700,000	1,792,000
332	Justice of the Peace, 3-2	1,100,000	1,158,000
341	Justice of the Peace, 4-1	2,600,000	2,736,000
342	Justice of the Peace, 4-2	1,400,000	1,476,000
351	Justice of the Peace, 5-1	2,000,000	2,109,000
352	Justice of the Peace, 5-2	2,910,000	3,069,000
361	Justice of the Peace, 6-1	680,000	718,000
362	Justice of the Peace, 6-2	780,000	821,000
371	Justice of the Peace, 7-1	1,080,000	1,132,000
372	Justice of the Peace, 7-2	950,000	1,003,000
381	Justice of the Peace, 8-1	1,200,000	1,265,000
382	Justice of the Peace, 8-2	1,050,000	1,106,000
Total JPs		23,221,000	24,474,000

General Fund Budget - Departments

ORG	DEPARTMENT	FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget	FY 2015-16 Budget
<i>Administration of Justice (Continued)</i>			
213	Fire Marshal	5,640,000	5,900,000
270	Institute of Forensic Science	25,800,000	27,000,000
510	County Attorney	19,800,000	20,900,000
515	County Clerk	26,689,000	28,000,000
545	District Attorney	67,900,000	70,500,000
550	District Clerk	29,600,000	31,200,000
560	Public Defender	8,000,000	8,700,000
601	Community Supervision	750,000	900,000
605	Pre-Trial Services	7,000,000	7,250,000
700	District Courts	21,032,000	24,100,000
701	DC- Court Appointed Attn	32,000,000	35,900,000
840	Juvenile Probation	67,000,000	70,500,000
880	Protective Services	22,000,000	23,200,000
930	1st Court of Appeals	85,000	90,000
931	14th Court of Appeals	85,000	90,000
940	County Courts	12,200,000	12,800,000
941	CC - Court Appointed Attn	3,400,000	4,200,000
991	Probate Court No. 1	1,200,000	1,300,000
992	Probate Court No. 2	1,200,000	1,300,000
993	Probate Court No. 3	3,200,000	3,500,000
994	Probate Court No. 4	1,200,000	1,300,000
Subtotal Other Admin of Justice		355,781,000	378,630,000
Total Administration of Justice		379,002,000	403,104,000
Total General Fund-Departments		1,234,886,000	1,314,791,165

Commissioners Court and General Administration Budgets

General Fund

ORG	DEPARTMENT	FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget	FY 2015-16 Budget
Commissioners Court			
100	County Judge	5,900,000	7,250,000
101	Commissioner, Pct 1	51,097,000	57,780,327
102	Commissioner, Pct 2	49,202,000	56,605,214
103	Commissioner, Pct 3	43,630,000	51,254,860
104	Commissioner, Pct 4	54,392,000	55,086,765
105	Tunnel & Ferry	5,200,000	5,500,000
Total Commissioners Court		209,421,000	233,477,166
202	General Administration	418,594,000	591,332,491
Total Court and General Admin		628,015,000	824,809,657
Total Departments from page 10		1,234,886,000	1,314,791,165
Prior Year R&R Cost Centers		4,399,000	-
Total General Fund Budget		1,867,300,000	2,139,600,822

Commissioners Gen Fund Allocation

ORG	DEPARTMENT	Estimated Beginning Bal	New Fees Allocation	New Funding Allocation	FY 15-16 Budget
100	County Judge	-	400,000	6,850,000	7,250,000
101	Commissioner, Pct 1	25,505,327	9,775,000	22,500,000	57,780,327
102	Commissioner, Pct 2	24,330,214	9,775,000	22,500,000	56,605,214
103	Commissioner, Pct 3	18,979,860	9,775,000	22,500,000	51,254,860
104	Commissioner, Pct 4	22,811,765	9,775,000	22,500,000	55,086,765
105	Tunnel & Ferry, Pct 2	-	-	5,500,000	5,500,000
		91,627,166	39,500,000	102,350,000	233,477,166

New Fees include Road & Bridge Fees estimated to be \$37.5 million allocated evenly to the 4 Precincts and Child Safety Fees of \$2 million allocated evenly to all 5 Court members including the County Judge. Budgets will be adjusted to reflect the actual beginning balance in March.

Mobility Fund Budget

ORG	DEPARTMENT	Estimated Beginning Bal	Allocation Formula	New Funding Allocation	FY 15-16 Budget
101	Commissioner, Pct 1	99,540,000	18%	21,600,000	121,140,000
102	Commissioner, Pct 2	36,220,000	25%	30,000,000	66,220,000
103	Commissioner, Pct 3	37,510,000	27%	32,400,000	69,910,000
104	Commissioner, Pct 4	72,810,000	30%	36,000,000	108,810,000
35	PID - Repair & Replacement	2,647,211		1,925,425	4,572,636
202	General Administration	26,314,241		661,935	26,976,176
		275,041,452		122,587,360	397,628,812

Budgets will be adjusted to reflect the actual beginning balances in March.